

Church News

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which \$2,231 went to Foreign Missions. For current expenses the amount was slightly over \$2,800, making a total of over \$6,400.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Red Springs: The annual reports to Presbytery were very encouraging. The growing interest on the part of the people has been manifest in the large congregations that have attended the preaching of the word. The prayer meetings have been a special feature of the year's work. The Sunday-school has done better work than ever before. The Brotherhood Bible class includes nearly every man in the church, and is doing good work, the young men deserve special mention. The Ladies' Missionary Society made the best report in its history. During the year twenty-five members were received, and the total offerings were \$7,266. The benevolent offerings were \$3,987. More for others than for ourselves. With thankful hearts to the God of all grace and blessing, we hopefully face the new year.

J. J. H.

Belmont: Rev. W. S. Lacy has resigned the pastorate of this church to accept the chair of Bible in Peace Institute, which chair is to be enlarged, and an adequate course provided. He is also to have charge of the field work of the school, and an effort will be made to put the institution on a sound financial basis, and to increase its equipment. Belmont is Mr. Lacy's first charge. The people will reluctantly part with him, and it seems to many that his work has just begun. A splendid building has been erected—an ornament to the town, and a credit to the congregation. The membership has more than doubled, and the Sunday-school has increased at least threefold. The contributions to benevolences have multiplied, and the year just closed was one of the best in the church's history in additions to the communion, and increased liberality to all causes. The church is well organized, and has a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society. Under Mrs. Lacy's leadership the ladies of the church have done good work, and in this department also "the King's business" is aggressive and prosperous. The Presbytery, if it grants the request, will lose faithful and efficient servants, and the church and town a family that has added to the spiritual and social assets of the community.

R. S. B.

King's Mountain Presbytery: The Moderator, Ruling Elder A. M. Hoke, of Lincolnton, has called the Presbytery of King's Mountain to meet in the First church, Gastonia, May 14th, to act upon the resignation of the Rev. W. S. Lacy as pastor of the Belmont church. Mr. Lacy has been invited to take up work in connection with Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C.

First church, Gastonia, had encouraging reports from last year's work, indicating substantial progress in the various departments of the church. With no special services during the year, about sixty additions were made to the church. The total Sunday-school enrollment is 750, and contributions to all causes were something over \$9,000.

Mr. F. B. Anderson, of Union Seminary, will assist the pastor during the summer months.

Unity church of King's Mountain Presbytery has called Rev. John L. Ray, of Spartansburg, S. C., to be its pastor, in connection with Castanea Grove and Mackpelah churches.

Davidson: On Sunday Rev. Dr. H. F. Williams, of Nashville, pleased large

audiences at both services in his presentation of certain phases of the mission work and in his account of fields visited. At night he gave an illustrated lecture that was one of the very best of the many the writer has been privileged to see and hear. The slides and address concerned in the main China and Japan. Any church is fortunate in securing a visit from Dr. Williams.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mt. Zion, Harmony Presbytery: Four members were received on profession at the communion service the first Sunday of May. Our report to Presbytery for last year shows that the financial depression has not hurt us as we feared it would. More money was raised through the regular channel of the church collections than the previous year. Our total contributions the current expenses were \$1,394.00, and to the benevolences, \$2,856.00; making an average of about \$32.00 per member to all causes.

Carmel: Messrs. J. T. McAllister and William F. Ellenberg have been made elders of this church.

Columbia: Rev. S. H. Wilds, who is a missionary to Africa, but who returned home in order to undergo an operation, is fully restored to health, and has returned to Luebo. He went by way of New York and Lisbon.

Walhalla: The new church at Walhalla will be dedicated on the fourth Sunday in May.

Ebenezer, Rock Hill: Our May communion was celebrated on the first Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Dendy, was assisted in this meeting by Dr. R. C. Reed, of Columbia Theological Seminary. The people heard him gladly and were greatly benefitted by his clear gospel preaching. There were five additions to the church, four by profession and one by certificate.

Harmony Presbytery is hereby called to meet at Kingstree, S. C., May 17, 1915, at 12 M.

1. To receive Rev. W. R. Pritchett.
2. To arrange for his installation as pastor of the Indiantown group of churches. W. I. Sinnott, moderator.

Rev. A. H. Griffith, of the Presbyterian church of Reidsville, S. C., has just closed a ten days' union meeting at the Lydia Mill, with Mr. Junius Horton, who has been doing Home Mission work here under the session of the First Presbyterian church of Clinton, S. C. The results of the meeting were as follows: Sixty persons were received on the profession of their faith; eighteen renewed their church vows, and six were received by letter; making a total of eighty-four. These names will be handed over to the pastors of the different churches. This is the greatest revival we know of in the history of this work. Time can never tell the value of this little "Pentecost" to Christ's kingdom; eternity alone must tell the story. However, this is Mr. Griffith's first meeting in the South, though he is widely known over the North and West as a wide awake evangelist. And we trust that God will use this His servant to bring many such blessings as this all over this great Southland of ours.

TENNESSEE.

First Church, Jackson: This church has just closed a most successful year. The attendance at all the services are increasingly large. The membership is harmonious and aggressive. Seventy-eight additions, the majority of them are professions, were added last year. \$6,000 was given for local expenses, and \$6,700 for benevolences.

Memphis, Third Church: This church held its annual congregational meeting and reception April 16th, at which

the reports of the church to Presbytery were read. They showed: 65 additions on profession and 9 by letter; total membership, 390; 20 adult baptisms; 33 infant baptisms; Sunday-school enrollment, 566; and contributions to all causes, \$4,215.00. The reports from the various societies indicated that they had a successful year, and brought to light a wide range of activities. The reports were interspersed with recitations and musical numbers, and following this came a social hour, during which a special greeting was extended to the new members, and refreshments were served. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the pastor of a generous purse as an expression of the appreciation of the congregation of his services during the recent meeting, and a set of solid silver salad forks to rs. Kirkpatrick for her faithful and efficient service at the organ during the meeting.

The Christian Endeavor Society has recently been organized with more than 50 members, and the young people are taking up the work with great enthusiasm. The Brotherhood has formed a Bible class that is awakening much interest among the men. It meets on Thursday nights, and is being largely attended.

Knoxville Presbytery: At an adjourned meeting of Knoxville Presbytery in the First Presbyterian church, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 4, 1915, Rev. George O. Bachman was received from the Presbytery of Nashville. A call from the St. Elmo church was placed in his hands and accepted by him. The following commission was appointed to install him in said church May 9, 1915: Rev. J. W. Bachman, D. D., Rev. Chas. R. Hyde, Rev. J. Walter Cobb, and Ruling Elder James A. Caldwell.

Leonard's chapel was received on a transfer from the Presbytery of Union of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

John R. Herndon, S. C.

TEXAS.

Hillsboro: A social meeting of the congregation was held in the basement of the church April 14th. There was a musical program with reports of the year's work from the Sunday-school, the Westminster League, the Woman's Society and the church, followed by light refreshments and a social hour. A good representation of the congregation was present. The reports to Presbytery, read by the clerk of session, Mr. E. W. Comfort, showed the Sunday-school to be made up of 122 pupils enrolled in the school, 55 in the recently organized Home Department and 16 on the Cradle Roll, a total of 193. The church has received 8 upon profession of faith and 15 by letter, and reports 219 members. The contributions have been as follows: Foreign Missions, \$78.21; Assembly's Home Missions, \$14; Presbyterian Home Missions, \$70.20; Christian Education, \$810; Bible Society, 55 cents; Sunday-school Extension, \$10.80; Orphans' Home, \$34.60; schools and colleges, \$45; miscellaneous, \$28.83, a total for benevolences of \$290.29. For congregational purposes, \$2,148.18; pastor, \$1,075.50, the whole making an average gift of \$16.04 per member. The aim set by the congregation at this meeting for next year is fifty additional members, \$300 for benevolent causes, and \$1,700 for local expenses, beside the portion of debt on the church building, which falls due. McC.

Itasca: Mr. J. T. Green was installed ruling elder of the church of Itasca on Sunday, the 2nd, having been previously ordained by Dr. J. P. Robertson at Blossom, from which church he transferred by letter to his present field. S. A. Mc.



The thirteenth annual session of the Dallas Presbyterial was held in the First Presbyterian church of Denton, Texas, April 26th, 27th and 28th. The opening service was held Monday evening, the Rev. J. W. Skinner, of Kingsville, telling of the splendid work being done at Texas-Mexican Industrial Institute, of which he is president. The "Quiet Hour" at each session was conducted by Mrs. J. E. Hutchinson, of Dallas. Our president, Mrs. F. M. Hammond, of Lancaster, gave a most encouraging report of the improvement in all work of our Presbyterial, and especially recommended that all societies take up the use of the "Blessing Boxes," closing with the appeal, "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God." The enrollment of representatives showed an increase over all former meetings, and the addition of five new societies. On Tuesday a most interesting round table was conducted by Miss Margaret Harper, of Milford, on "Young People's Work," a number of splendid responses being made on "Our Responsibility," "Their Social Life" and "Young People and Missions." The Presbyterial was delighted to have with them Rev. H. H. Munroe, of Kochi, Japan, who gave us an insight into the great Japan field. Mr. Munroe was followed by Rev. R. W. Jopling, of Austin, presenting to the audience "The Present Youth in Our State Schools." Interesting reports were given by the secretaries of the different causes, and another round table enjoyed on "Educational Forces," lead by Mrs. D. P. Woodward, of Dallas. Our Synodical president, Mrs. Christopher Dulnig, of San Antonio, was present and gave us a most stirring and helpful address, and her kindly offices at all times was inspiring.

Presbyterial to meet in April, 1916, with Oak Cliff Presbyterian church, Dallas.

Mrs. Wm. Fred Galbraith,
Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Norfolk Presbytery met at Gloucester Court House April 20th and had three days of spiritual and splendid preaching, as well as attending to important business.

The evangelical feature of the Presbytery was noteworthy and impressive. Men took time to look to God instead of galloping through the business of Presbytery. Both in the town and country churches services were held and saints were blessed and sinners reached. The opening sermon was on Moses and the closing one on the heirship and riches of grace to those who turn from sin—the latter preached by T. H. McConnell, a giant from the West, but now of Williamsburg, Va., who, with his rare and rich gifts, associated with the splendid educator, Sidnor, will make a new era in the life of the Presbyterian church (Continued on page 20.)